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PART OF WHEEL ARCH
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Sir/Madam:

In accordance with Rule 56, applicant is aware of the publication listed in the enclosed copy of Patent Office Form PTO/SB/08A. This publication was first cited in a combined search and examination report dated January 25, 2007 (copy attached) from the U.K. Patent Office in the corresponding U.K. patent application. A copy of this publication is enclosed herewith.

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Dear Sirs

**Patents Act 1977:
Combined Search and Examination Report under Sections 17 and 18(3)**

Latest date for reply: 25 May 2007

I enclose two copies of my search and examination report and a copy of the citation.

By the above date you should either file amendments to meet the objections in the report or make observations on them. If you do not, the application may be refused.

Publication

I estimate that, provided you have met all the formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after **27 February 2007**. At this time you will receive a letter confirming the exact date when the preparations for publication will be completed. This letter will also tell you the publication number and date of publication of your application. However, it should not be relied upon as a reminder if you are intending to withdraw your application before publication.

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Allowance of the divisional date

1. Your request that this application be treated as having been filed on 18 August 2004, which is the same date of filing as your earlier application number GB0603155.3, has been allowed.

2. The description should be brought into agreement with the claims of the present divisional application to clearly distinguish between those features and drawings that relate to the present invention and those that relate to the parent application.

In particular the statement of invention and other passages on page 5 should be brought into agreement with the claims of the present application.



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Application No: GB0624216.8

Examiner: Tony Martin

Claims searched: All claims

Date of search: 24 January 2007

Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
A	Not applicable	JP2004105991 A Honda see abstract

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